

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract appearing on the last page of the translation as shown in Appendix II.

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Abstract ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an automotive shell structure (1) comprising includes two longitudinal members [(2)] which are arranged one on each side of the shell structure [(1)] and are provided with energy-absorbing elements [(3)] at their front-facing [[end]] ends. To increase the protection for vehicle occupants in the event of an impact, it is proposed to provide additional means for energy absorption [[which]] to channel impact energy into other regions of the shell structure [(1)] in a controlled manner.

(Fig. 1)